**REMARKS** 

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 21, 2004 which

alleges that the present application contains claims directed to four patentably distinct species. With

this Office Action Response, Applicant elects the species of Group III (claims 16-24).

Notwithstanding the above election, Applicant respectfully traverses the division of the

claims presented in the Office Action. While not identical, each of the limitations of independent

claim 16 is substantially similar to at least one of the limitations of independent claim 5. Thus, claim

16 is generic to claim 5. At least for this reason, claims 5-11 of Group II, as well as claims 16-24 of

elected Group III, should be examined together.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and

a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner feels that a telephone

conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the

undersigned.

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicant may have at times referred to claim

limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This

discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or

dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be

considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood

that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be

raised, but which may be raised in the future.

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If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Conley Rose, P.C. Deposit Account Number 03-2769.

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